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FOR THE AMBASSADOR

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SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT KAUNDA

1. PLEASE PASS THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT KAUNDA.

2. "DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: THE PRESIDENT HAS WRITTEN YOU  
TO SAY I WOULD BE IN TOUCH. I WANT TO TAKE AN EARLY  
OPPORTUNITY TO WRITE YOU ABOUT THE RHODESIAN SITUATION.  
I APPRECIATED THE MESSAGE OF ENCOURAGEMENT YOU SENT ME  
THROUGH MARK CHONA AND PROFITED FROM HIS REPORT OF YOUR  
VIEWS.

3. "NEEDLESS TO SAY, IAN SMITH'S JANUARY 24 SPEECH CAME  
AS AN UNPLEASANT SURPRISE TO US. AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE  
SUPPORTED THE BRITISH PROPOSALS ON RHODESIA AS A BASIS FOR  
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FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS AND HAD HOPED THAT SMITH AND THE  
ZIMBABWEAN NATIONALISTS WOULD DO THE SAME. OF COURSE I  
RECOGNIZE THAT DURING THE COURSE OF NEGOTIATIONS CONCESSIONS  
BY ALL THE PARTIES WILL BE NECESSARY IF A SOLUTION  
IS TO BE REACHED. WE CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE FRAMEWORK  
OF A SETTLEMENT WHICH THE BRITISH HAVE ADVANCED. WE  
REGRET THAT EFFORTS TO REACH A SATISFACTORY NEGOTIATED

SETTLEMENT HAVE, FOR THE MOMENT, AT LEAST, BEEN REBUFFED.

SMITH'S ATTITUDE HAS PRODUCED A NEW AND MORE DANGEROUS SITUATION IN RHODESIA AND SOUTHERN AFRICA.

4. "SMITH'S REFERENCE IN HIS SPEECH TO AN INTERNAL SOLUTION IS UNACCEPTABLE AND WE HAVE SO STATED IN PUBLIC. WE HAVE TOLD HIM THAT IF A DEADLOCK IS REACHED, HE WILL BE MET BY STIFF AMERICAN OPPOSITION. AS AN INDICATION OF OUR POSITION, THE PRESIDENT HAS ASKED ME TO TELL YOU THAT THE ADMINISTRATION WILL SEEK THE REPEAL OF THE BYRD AMENDMENT. WE ARE BEGINNING EFFORTS WITH THE CONGRESS TO WORK TOWARDS THAT END. WE HAVE ASKED THE SOUTH AFRICANS TO COMMUNICATE OUR MESSAGE TO SMITH.

5. "I WILL BE MAKING A STATEMENT TO THE PRESS ON MONDAY IN WHICH I WILL RECONFIRM THE UNITED STATES' COMMITMENT TO MAJORITY RULE, OUR INTENTION TO PURSUE A NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT AND WILL RESTATE OUR OPPOSITION TO THE COURSE IAN SMITH HAS INDICATED. WE ARE IN CLOSE CONSULTATIONS WITH THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AND WILL OVER THE COURSE OF THE COMING DAYS GIVE CAREFUL THOUGHT TO THE NEXT STEPS. AS OUR REVIEW OF THE SITUATION PROCEEDS, I EXPECT TO STAY IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH YOU AND LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING YOUR THOUGHTS. I HOPE ALL PARTIES WILL MOVE FORWARD IN THE PERIOD AHEAD IN A MANNER WHICH WILL CONTRIBUTE TO A RENEWED SEARCH FOR A PEACEFUL SOLUTION.

6. "I UNDERSTAND YOU WILL BE IN TANZANIA AT THE SAME  
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TIME AMBASSADOR ANDREW YOUNG IS VISITING. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR RECEIVING HIM AND PROVIDING HIM WITH YOUR ASSESSMENT OF WHAT LIES AHEAD.

7. "I KNOW OF YOUR LONG DEDICATION TO THE CAUSE OF PEACE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA AND THE INDEPENDENCE OF ZIMBABWE AND NAMIBIA. YOUR VISION AND COURAGE HAVE LONG IMPRESSED ME. THE PRESENT SITUATION IS A DIFFICULT ONE, BUT I AM CERTAIN THAT, IF WE JOIN TOGETHER AND PERSEVERE, A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION WILL BE REACHED.

8. "RESPECTFULLY, CYRUS R. VANCE. "  
VANCE

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